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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>2</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>	
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>	

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I. Basis of report

1. This report has been drawn up on the basis of the international application as originally filed.

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

2. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step, or to be industrially applicable have not been examined (PCT Article 34 (4) (a) (i) and (ii); see also the international search report) in respect of:

- 2.1 Applications with unnecessary independent claims (generally no more than one independent claim per category is required; PCT Article 6)

- 2.2 Subject for which a search has not been carried out (PCT Article 17(2)(a), PCT rule 66.1(e)), e.g.

- a) claimed subjects pursuant to PCT rule 39.1
- b) applications of which the description, claims or drawings meet the prescribed requirements so inadequately that no meaningful opinion could be formed

- 2.3 Claimed subject matter pursuant to PCT Rule 67.1

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability

3. Insofar as the international preliminary examination has been carried out (see box III), the following should be noted:

In the light of the documents listed in the international search report, it is established that the invention as characterized in at least one independent claim apparently does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1), that is, it cannot be considered novel and/or to involve an inventive step.